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VOW NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING, MONTREAL Sep/86 - Notes by Mary Thomson

An attempt to answer the significant question posed by Joan Jennings at our Oct. BC Exec. meeting: "Was it worthwhile?"

It was worthwhile to be hosted by the Montreal VOWs whose many hours of planning provided the structure for

- both general sessions and workshops on necessary business and important decisions to be made.
- information and inspiration from main speakers (all from our own membership! - Isn't that something?). Speakers at the public meeting on Friday evening were Ursula Franklin, Rosalie Bertell & Madeline Parent. On Saturday Solanges Vincent's topic was "The State of the Planet Now". Her brilliant presentation of the Military-Industrial Complex, the Warfare State replacing the Welfare State, Canada's choice to go high-tech for military purposes, taking us on the way to a dual economy, the

- deceptions of our government while maintaining a peace front through
2. the appointment of Roche and Lewis and the establishment of Canadian Institute for International Peace & Security. All, fortunately, is in her pamphlet "The Human Costs of the War Economy". VOW has endorsed this, and is helping fund the printing. (Note: details in next Voice)
 - C. Workshops and general meetings on issues and strategies;
 - D. Provision of billets and meals in varied settings, including a dinner in a church sharing in fundraising for a Marathon Run in aid of Nicaragua.

It was worthwhile to learn more details of the concerns and action projects in the various regions, all pertaining to the nuclear situation and Canada's foreign policy - e.g. arrests in Halifax of demonstrators at the NATO Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and in Montreal, of Artists For Peace painting Shadows on the sidewalks to commemorate Hiroshima.

Mary Thomson's POTPOURRI OF GLEANINGS from the NGM

The United Nations - Betsy Carr reported.

VOW is one of nine Canadian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) accredited to the U.N. Twenty other VOWs attended the Spring 1986 session. There is another opportunity in Jan. 1987. Our Board will seek government money for this project. We "westerners" asked for places on the next trip. Lilian Rosen, our faithful alternate delegate, resident in New York, was present.

Project Ploughshares - Ann Gertler reported.

One of 50 groups, VOW pays \$500 to sit on the Board, where VOW thinking is important, and for access to the best research in Canada published in the Monitor and in small info. leaflets. Proj. Ploughshares' present priorities are: Common Security, Arms transfer, and Conversion. Ann is now Co-chairperson of the "Group of 78".

Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA) - Yvonne Stanford reported.

CPA's mandate from over 200 groups is to be a coordinator, not an initiator, of action projects, and to develop skills in networking in order to coordinate the initiatives of grassroot member groups. VOW is one of 12 on the Steering Committee which meets in Winnipeg Oct. 30-31.

Project North - Cynthia Rich, an Innu woman, gave an info. workshop.

Another acronym to learn: NAPO = N. Atlantic Peace Organization. Based in St. Johns, Nfld., their current crucial issue is the NATO base at Goose Bay, and the practice of low-flying training flights in planes carefully described as "attack planes". Cynthia presented the plight of Native people there. VOW NGM sent letter to Joe Clark demanding that the proposals to turn the former US air base at Goose Bay into a NATO Tactical Fighters and Weapons Training Centre be rejected.

→ It is URGENT that members also write! NAPO Leaflet available, plus additional information, from: Box 13392, Station "A", St. Johns, Nfld., A1B 4B7.

Women For a Meaningful Summit - Mady Gilchrist reported a recent meeting in Washington, DC, and Josie Wallenius of Thunder Bay has written an article "The Battle of the Present Danger" urging us all to name, publicly and often, the powerful and dangerous members of the Committee for the Present Danger. URGENT ACTION!!!

↗ Editor's Note: Josie is an active, energetic and very eloquent VOW member. We hope her article will soon be available from Mary Cox in B.C.

Nuclear Weapons Legal Action

The Legal Action of the World Federalists on the Constitutionality of 3. Nuclear Weapons was the theme of a Workshop, reported by Kit Pineau (a bright young VOW," says Mary Thomson). Kit made a very able and almost convincing argument for VOW to be one of the co-plaintiffs in the case. After a long discussion in the general session, the decision by a narrow margin was: that we endorse the action but wait for a period of 6 months of further research before deciding on our role as co-plaintiff.

(Note: Info. from Nuclear Weapons Legal Action, World Federalists of Canada, #32 - 46 Elgin St., Ottawa, K1P 5K6. Phone (613)232-0647.)

Vietnam - Nancy Pocock reminded us that VOW has unfinished business in Vietnam, where the women are suffering the effects of herbicides.

War Toys - A Workshop called on Quebec's experience: suggested Wartoy Free Zones, closer work with teachers, ask Min. of Education to appeal the court case allowing advertizing, also compliment the Ministry on the Peace Kit Curriculum. United Church Women in Toronto have a beautiful pamphlet.

Electoral Priorities, Municipal Issues, etc. - Last year's kits available from Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC): these sparked Riding Committees in 1984, but they need updating.

Vancouver's PEACE PLEDGE was presented by Lydia Sayle to the general session, on the request of a Board member. Note for B.C. members: the Peace Pledge is a splendid way to get involved, in your Riding, in preparation for the next Federal election. (See page 7 - Ed.)

Workshop on Government Policy, NATO, Hockin Report, etc.

Re Hockin Report, "Independence and Internationalism":

In cross-country hearings the NGOs had considerable input.

In the recommendations concerning Canada's Aid Programs, NGOs are to be involved in both planning and execution.

But there was only old thinking re Canada and NATO and NORAD.

There was more meat for the Standing Cttee. on External Affairs & International Trade, and none for the Standing Cttee. on External Affairs & National Defence (SCEAND).

Recommendations:

- * That we in VOW study the Report further in our groups, and keep the dialogue going specifically with SCEAND
- * That we ask our government to declare a Nuclear Moratorium, and to press U.S. to do so.
- * That we ask our government: why they endorse binary weapons? On what grounds? What is their policy, not only on foreign ships in our harbours. but of foreign troops on our soil?
- * That VOW sensitize the public about the NATO base in Labrador.

(Might we ask Pauline Jewett's advice about how we can most effectively continue dialoguing with our government? She is a member of VOW. What about lobbying which we do through the Survival Committee of NAC (National Action Cttee., of Status of Women). In that regard Solanges reported that in an interview with a govt. person, he said to her "You are here today: business is here every day.").

A Letter of Thanks will go to Pauline Jewett for her dedicated work and many services.

and....

It was worthwhile to see and discuss some FILMS.....

.... see page 4, overleaf....

THREE FILMS -- and More in the Making

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(last page of Mary's NGM report)

A. RETURN TO DRESDEN (an N.F.B. film)

A film by Martin Duckworth, who was present for the discussion. It is about a Canadian veteran, C.G. Gifford, DFC, of Halifax, a founder of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA) and board member of The Defence Research & Education Centre (DREC), who returns to the city he had bombed in World War II to convey in person his sorrow and regrets for that action carried out under the discipline of war.

Artistically a magnificent film, it became even more poignant when viewed after hearing Rosalie Bertell in another film (see B) despairing of the possibility of regeneration of our humanness without saying "We are sorry for Dresden, Vietnam, Bikini, Hiroshima, Nagasaki. As the winners, we've never said we're sorry." Rosalie continued, pointing out that, having generated a death process, our nuclear technology has become an addiction, and for Deterrence all we pay for is our addiction.

"Giff" (as he is affectionately called) and Martin gave us this precious demonstration of what reconciliation is all about.

B. The spin-off films from "SPEAKING OUR PEACE" (N.F.B.'s Studio D) include single 20-min. portraits of Rosalie Bertell ("NUCLEAR ADDICTION") and Margaret Laurence ("A WRITER IN THE NUCLEAR AGE"). Marion Dewar's (title?) is almost completed; and others will follow when Studio D (the "Women's Dept." of NFB) receives further funding.

Actions: lobby (in person, by phone, or by letter) to endorse the work of Studio D;
→ put in many requests for their films as well as "Return to Dresden";
→ also make strong recommendations to CBC to make much more use of Studio D and other NFB FILMS.

(Note: in case acronyms scramble your brain, a reminder: NFB = National Film Board. - Editor)

C Promotion of Peter Watkins' film "THE JOURNEY" (in the making).

Toronto VOW's great concern was about the upcoming ABC TV series "AMERIKA", which is about what it would be like under Communist rule after take-over of the USA. It was filmed in Canada, even using the Ontario legislative buildings for a scene.

In the workshop on "Effective Tactics for Change", we were urged to help finance and promote "THE JOURNEY" as an antidote to the TV series.

Also suggested was a tactic used in Poland: setting the TV set ← in a window, facing out, to demonstrate that we were not viewing the particular example of "cultural garbage". The difference between censoring and boycotting was pointed out, the former less effective because legal complications re "free speech" make such use of time questionable.

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VOW NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, Sep.26-28/86

Business Meeting Report -- by Viva Flood, Nelson VOW

The Incorporation of "Canadian Voice of Women for Peace", in Feb/86, provided the meat of the business. Policy-making power still rests in the general membership; but, since NGM is only biennial, we have a National Board of Directors, a policy-making body of 12-15 members, comprising..(over)

National Board of Directors (continued from p.4)

B.C. Lydia Sayle (Van.), Alice Whitehead (Vic), Deeno Birmingham. 5.
Alta. Yvonne Stanford (Cal.), Juliette Trudeau (Edm). (Interior).
Ont. Lloy Cook, Janet Goodfellow.
P.Q. Debra Woodhead, Jo Vellacott.
N.B. Nora Toole.
N.S. Sue-Ellen Bradfield.
Sask. Isabel George (contact).
Man. --- Gibson-Grant (contact).
P.E.I. Ellie Conway (contact).
Nfld. None named.

Each area names own Director. Board shall meet face-to-face yearly and have conference. Call meetings as required. For day-to-day operation, Board shall choose an Administrative Cttee. of 6, from Toronto area.

Incorporation requires that we name location of head office, and 4 table officers (Pres., Vice-pres., Sec. & Treas.). Head office has been set in Toronto because that is where it is now (but can be changed). Table officers not yet settled, but expect Martha Pres. and Juliette V-P. Intent was to choose by consensus. Status of all Board members was felt to be equal.

By-Laws: Proposed constitution was workshopped, point by point. I have notes taken by Juliette. She and Yvonne volunteered to fine down the by-laws. The principle followed was to have as few as possible, to ensure maximum flexibility. One of the old hands said reassuringly, "It takes at least two years to get a perfect document."

Finances remain a problem, but ^{we} received some wonderful news: VOW has been given a private grant of \$18,000 annually for at least the next two years, from Nancy Jackman. It is earmarked for hiring a full-time office worker. When the job description is ready the job will be advertised.

I immediately thought perhaps we wouldn't have to send our \$30 quarterly. However, since the new person will replace Dorothy who has been working for nothing for years and is near "burn-out" point, I know it is still needed. Muriel Duckworth urges that we aim to match Nancy's donation. This is not as impossible as it sounds: the amount raised last year was over \$15,000.

Fees this year: \$25 for employed, and \$5 (or whatever) for "unwaged". Nobody is to be barred from membership by lack of money. We still seek pledges from "angels". --- STOP PRESS: Fee Increases NOT yet in force.

Membership has risen to 1,069; but in early days it was about 2,000. It was heartening to see bright new young members.

Next National General Meeting - hopefully, in 1988 in Ottawa; but to do that we must revitalize our Ottawa group. I hope also next time we'll have delegates from Manitoba and Newfoundland.

Nuclear Weapons Legal Action

KIT PINEAU and CATHY GRAGOR, two bright young VOWs, presented this proposal. A team of lawyers in Lawyers for Social Responsibility are committed to work professionally without pay, to bring an action to the courts to get a judicial decision on the question: Does the Canadian government have the right, under the Human Rights Code, to make, buy, stockpile, transport or use nuclear weapons? The object of the case would be to have Canada declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. (These lawyers) cite Jim Stark's case, in which a judge said that, yes, the courts had jurisdiction on such a question. International Law should apply domestically.

World Federalists of Canada are co-ordinating this action. Dr. Ed McWhinney, a world authority on International Law, will be senior counsel.

Thos. Berger will chair an LSR conference in Victoria. Hearings 6. will be held all across Canada, resulting in much public education, which will influence the popular will. It is considered a "no-risk" case, settling a point of law under the new constitution rather than suing the government. To be effective requires participatory action, many grassroots plaintiffs. World Federalists of Canada, LSR and NUPGE (Nat. Union of Prov. Gov't Employees) are plaintiffs. Our General Meeting voted 21 to be a co-plaintiff, 23 to endorse the action but delay decision re becoming a co-plaintiff.

Canadian Peace Alliance - Yvonne Stanford (Calgary) reported.

Yvonne is very keen that VOW continue membership in CPA. The National Union of Provincial Government Employees is a big funder. VOW is on CPA Steering Committee. Ursula objected: we must keep our autonomy and diversity. Meeting agreed to stay in, if CPA's function is networking only. Local branches should join, in order to receive CPA bulletins without the burden of distribution of CPA information falling on our National VOW office.

Project Ploughshares - Ann Gertler now represents P.P. at the U.N. as NGO (Non-governmental organization) representative. VOW Canada pays \$500 membership fee in P.P., which entitles us to a seat on their Board of Directors - "And," says Ann, "They do the best research in the country." The meeting agreed to stay in; also urged individuals or groups to subscribe Ploughshares Monitor (\$20p.a.) from Pr.Pl., Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 3G6.

United Nations - Betsy Carr, now our NGO rep., reported. The UN is in crisis, as some countries threaten not to pay assessments. Betsy had had good talks with Ambassadors Stephen Lewis and Doug Roche. She urges we write our government urging them to participate in the upcoming debate on Disarmament & Development, also to have women on the delegation.

Decision: that VOW continue its representation as NGO at the UN (VOW Lillian Rosen helps, and shares her N.Y. apartment).

Recommended: Disarmament Times, \$12 US p.a., UN publication.

Nat. Action Cttee. on the Status of Women (NAC) - Kay Macpherson reported. 500 member groups. Feminists are beginning to realize that peace & war is an issue: NAC has passed good peace resolutions. Recommended NAC publication Atlantis (from Dalhousie University, Halifax -? Will find out. -Ed)

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SECOND ANNUAL B.C. PEACE CONFERENCE - Peace Groups Unite

Over 100 delegates from 75 organizations met in September at the second annual BC Peace Conference, at U.B.C. Over half of the delegates came from outside the Lower Mainland - some from as far away as Smithers, and one all the way from Corvallis, Oregon. Although fewer people attended this year than last, the delegates seemed very pleased with what took place and the final resolutions that were passed.

The main focus of the conference was on launching a campaign to make BC a nuclear weapons free zone. Delegates supported a proposal from Alderman Libby Davies that municipal governments be asked to petition the Provincial government to make the province a NWFZ. Delegates were also very concerned about the presence of warships in BC waters: they passed a strong resolution at the final plenary, opposing visits of all nuclear weapons-capable warships. Other resolutions included four in support of a comprehensive test ban, including (a) that peace groups in BC make the Peace Voter Pledge Campaign a priority; and (b) that a telegram be sent to

the Prime Minister requesting an immediate answer about Canada's involvement in SDA 2000. (For complete list of resolutions, contact 7. End the Arms Race, 1708 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6J 2M1)

Now the real success of the conference rests with individual peace groups. Many of the campaigns and strategies that delegates agreed to work on will involve cooperation, networking and united action on a scale that BC peace groups have never before attempted.

EAR will continue to act as a provincial clearinghouse, producing the BC Peace Resource & Information Network (PRIN) monthly mailings.

- from EARnews, Oct-Nov 1986

PEACE VOTER PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The campaign to get pro-peace politicians elected federally is rapidly gaining support in the Lower Mainland and around B.C. About 50 people in Vancouver canvassed door-to-door with the peace voter pledge cards from Sept. 15 to 30. Most of the canvassers received extremely favourable responses from the people they visited, and the number of cards sent in to the office has doubled since the canvass began.

At the BC Peace Conference, delegates voted unanimously to make the Peace Voter Pledge Campaign a major focus of peace work in BC in the next two years before the federal election. The resolution passed by the conference in the final plenary also stated that, in view of the fact that most of the voting population lives in other provinces, we should recommend at the Canadian Peace Alliance convention that the campaign be taken on nationally as soon as possible. A workshop at the CPA convention will deal with federal election strategies and the Peace Voter Pledge Campaign.

The Coalition of Riding Committees is now preparing a resource kit on how to form riding committees, and what the riding committee's role is in the Peace Voter Pledge Campaign.

- from EARnews, Oct-Nov 1986

"The small force of the many voices of reason and peace grows more rapidly than the speed of global conflict."

- F.H. Knelman, in Reagan, God and the Bomb

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"True North Strong and Free?"

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RESOLUTIONS

Several resolutions were endorsed for forwarding to appropriate leaders, pressing for changes in defence policy. They are:-

End cruise missile testing in Canada;

Endorse the Soviet moratorium on nuclear weapons testing, and urge the U.S. to do the same;

Withhold all financial, political and moral support for the US SDI ("Star Wars");

Request and encourage full, frank and informed participation of more government personnel in future consultations on peace and security;

Restore funding to CBC to enhance international coverage and thus its ability to give Canadians clear windows on the world;

Establish annual reports from External Affairs representatives to Parliament on what military goods Canada exported and where; and

Establish a crisis management centre to reduce risk of accidental nuclear war.

"THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE?"

8.

The People's Enquiry into Canadian Defence Policy & Nuclear Arms, held in Edmonton, Nov. 8-9, 1986. Sponsored by Council of Canadians (Northern Alberta Chapter) and Physicians for Social Responsibility (Edmonton Chapter)

A Brief Summary by KITTY WILSON, Naramata, BC, VOW member and Canadian Peace Alliance Steering Committee member.

I went by bus, 16 hours, arrived to find uncleared snow in the streets and temperatures of -22° (the old zero), and I wouldn't have missed it for anything! They expected 500 and over 5000 came. They moved the locale to the Butterdome, a sports arena. It was cool, but the sound was excellent AND they kept to schedule, starting at 8 a.m.. I missed the summation to catch my flight home, but I have copies of talks given by William Arkin, director of National Security program Washington DC, by Shirley Carr, president of Canadian Labour Congress, Ralph Lyshyn, Dept. of External Affairs, Ernie Regehr of Project Ploughshares, Robert Penner, Coordinator for Canadian Peace Alliance and Brig. Gen. Don Macnamara, Director of Curriculum at RMC.

Other speakers' background: Gwynne Dyer (NFB War series on TV); Giff Gifford, head of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms; George Ignatieff -- name it, he was it; Dorothy Goresky, past pres. of PSR; John Lamb, Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament; Laurie MacBride, Nanoose Conversion Campaign; Geoffrey Pearson, Canadian Inst. for International Peace & Security; Doug Roche, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament; David Suzuki; Wendy Wright, Toronto Disarmament Network; Pauline Jewett, Lloyd Axworthy and Tom Hawkins, MPs; and Lois Wilson, United Church moderator.

Saturday - THE ISSUES

Facing Possibility of Nuclear War (Goresky). There is no medical response, there can be none.

The Debate in Canada on issues of Peace and Security (Pearson). Gap between government and people in all countries. NATO was a good thing at first. ... Think justice.

Canada's Defence Policy (Macnamara). Survival is paramount. How likely is accident?

Canada's Role in SDI (Arkin). Too many secret arrangements.

Economic Implications of Can. Industry & Arms Production (Regehr). Nuclear war not good for business.

Sunday - THE ALTERNATIVES

Toward Peaceful Canadian-American Defence Policies (Lamb). (This was too technical for me.)

Science for a Peaceful Future (Suzuki). Suzuki, on this, wants to narrow the gap between scientists (experts but lacking ethics, knowledge of other disciplines) and politicians (mostly lawyers and businessmen lacking scientific expertise). Half the scientists in the world doing military research because it pays. All must be prepared to change their thinking and perception.

A New Role for the Military: Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (Gifford). Vets. Against Nuclear Arms are re-enlisting in the cause of peace - unfinished business. American Veterans share their goals.

The Economics of Conversion (McBride). An ALTERNATIVE Nanoose.

What the Individual Can Do (Wright). Ask, listen, confer, read, cultivate avenues to other individuals, join. If you know, tell; if you don't, be quiet.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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VOICE OF WOMEN CANADA TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Madeleine Gilchrist from the Canadian VOICE OF WOMEN for Peace/LA VOIX DES FEMMES will be among 60 women leaders from around the world who will meet in Athens, Greece, November 7 - 9, for an international assembly convened by "Women For A Meaningful Summit." The conference is being hosted by Madame Margarita Papandreou, President of the Women's Union of Greece and wife of the Greek Prime Minister.

Women will gather in Athens to discuss action plans to demonstrate their support for, and commitment to a swift end to the arms race. "The lesson of the meetings in Reykjavik," said Madeleine Gilchrist, "was that the superpowers have to continue to meet until progress becomes a reality." Gilchrist added: "The subject of world peace is too important to leave only to those who are allowed at the negotiating table. Women from the world over will meet in Athens to determine what actions they can take in their own countries to pressure President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev to finish the business that was started in Reykjavik. Never before have we been so close to progress in ending the threat of nuclear holocaust. The time for action is now."

The Athens conference will open with greetings from Melina Mercouri, Minister of Culture for Greece, and addresses by Madame Papandreou, US Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker, and the chairperson of the Soviet delegation.

Actions which the Athens delegates are expected to take during the three day conference include: release of a proclamation on arms control, and an international grassroots action plan.

WOMEN FOR A MEANINGFUL SUMMIT, founded in the United States, is an ad hoc coalition of organizations and individuals which was formed in 1985, prior to the first Reagan - Gorbachev summit. The coalition, which sent a delegation of women to the Geneva Summit and to the pre-Summit meeting in Iceland, today represents millions of women in the United States, Canada, and abroad. Rosemary Brown, former MLA from British Columbia, will also be attending the international assembly.

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AROUND THE PROVINCE

10.

NEW "VOICES"

- * A big welcome to the 12 new members who have joined B.C. VOW since July of this year! They hail from Victoria, W. Vancouver, Salt Spring I., Parksville, Bowser, Naramata, Williams Lake, Nanaimo.
- * Good wishes to members in the Northern Interior who are making efforts to start local VOW groups.

VICTORIA VOW - Terry Padgham and Madge Clarke

- * A Great Idea! Four Soviet Women - all working in the Soviet Pavilion at Expo - had been invited for a weekend "Get Acquainted" meeting Sept. 27-28, but unfortunately were unable to come. VOW members were to have met them at Swartz Bay and taken them on a sightseeing tour of the city, with lunch and tea-breaks in members' homes, winding up at Terry's for a potluck supper. However, just two days before they were to come, some Soviet diplomats arrived unexpectedly at Expo and they had to work! Our Voices met anyway, of course, for the potluck...
- * Victoria's Monday Magazine (city-wide circulation) published MOIRA WALKER'S article on the Leningrad Peace School last July, under the title "A Desire For Peace". It also appeared in Nat. VOW Newsletter Jul-Aug-Sep/86, headlined "Women Meet in Leningrad".
- * Our Delegate to the VOW NGM (Sept.), ALICE WHITEHEAD, reported to our October membership meeting.
- * Potluck supper for URSULA FRANKLIN (Global Village Fest. Cttee).
- * GLOBAL VILLAGE FESTIVAL for International Year of Peace, Oct. 24-25: VicVOW participated along with 28 other local groups concerned with Peace and Development. URSULA FRANKLIN keynote speaker, on "Working Together for Peace & Disarmament: What Will It Take?" VOW workshops included "Women for Peace" with ALICE WHITEHEAD and MOIRA WALKER; and "Experiences in Nicaragua with PAMELA WALKER (Moira's sister). (*See Page 18 -Ed.)
- * "For a Just Cup of Coffee" - We're selling BRIDGEHEAD COFFEE (and tea, nuts, etc.) to support farmers of Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Mozambique.
- * Participation in Tools for Peace.
- * "PEACE PRODUCTIONS": VicVOW contributed to these radio ads broadcast in October. Victorians calling in received info. from VicVOW as well as from other local supporting groups).
- * Fundraiser: making and selling ANOTHER COOK FOR PEACE aprons.
- * Longtime "Voice" MILNOR ALEXANDER ran as NDP candidate for Oak Bay and Gordon Head riding. Thanks and condolences, Milnor!
- * AND, in the works...
 - Display of Salt Spring Island VOW's Arpilleros (Chilean women's political art) in Victoria.
 - Application for a grant to write and organize our history.
 - Workshop on Central America, and a Visit from Nicaraguan Women.
 - Wartoy's Action! Nov. 29 - Call Alice, 595-6465 for details.

VANCOUVER area

- * Local VOW branches regularly host alternate monthly Provincial Executive meetings, alternating with Nanaimo. We have no recent news of other doings but know they are constantly active in Van.-based action with End the Arms Race and Project Ploughshares. The big upcoming project is the General Provincial Meeting.
- * B.C.VOW General Meeting March 14-15 at the Nurses' Residence. DO
→ PLAN TO COME!

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- * VOW Delegates went from Vancouver area to:-
 2nd Annual BC Peace Conference (Van.) in Sept. (see p.6) 11.
 VOW Nat. Gen. Meeting (Montreal) in Sept. (see pp1-6)
 2nd Annual CPA Conference (Winnipeg) Oct.-Nov.
 People's Enquiry: True North Strong & Free? (Edmonton) Nov. (p.7)

- * Local VOWs are active in EAR's major current campaigns:-
 Peace Voter Pledge
 Make B.C. a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone
 Support Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
 Stop Star Wars

- * Recent Speakers here included:-

DAVID LEVI (Oct 16) of the Ethical Growth Fund, on how to invest in socially responsible companies. Spons. by PSR.
 DR. CLIFFORD JOHNSON (Oct 21), a Stanford Univ. computer scientist, currently suing the US government on premise that Reagan is turning over to computers the decision to fight nuclear war, such an action being unconstitutional. Info. from Lynn Chapman, RR 2, Gibsons, BC, VON 1V0, ph: 885-2101.
 DR. ROSALIE BERTELL (Nov.3), at Robson Sq. Media Centre, on lobbying for extension on current 7-yr. moratorium on Uranium Mining in BC. Spons. by Green Women's Caucus. (See p.18)
 ANNETTE BAIN (Nov 14), American educator specializing in children's anxieties in the nuclear age. Spons. by Beyond War, 255-0472

- * Wartoy's Free Zones

Spearheaded locally by Families For Peace, who are seeking support by the passing of a resolution by your group declaring your area a Wartoy's Free Zone. They have an ACTION KIT available which includes names of such zones. Contact: Families For Peace, 1838 Collingwood St., Vancouver, BC, V6R 3K5. Phone: 731-8464

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- * "Voices", albeit unsung, were active in their support of the 2-week Summer School, "CHANGING OUR WAYS OF THINKING: Peace, Environment and Global Justice in the 80s", at David Thompson University Centre (DTUC) July 21 - Aug. 1, 1986. The DTUC Support Society, whose first project has been the Summer School, hopes eventually set up a permanent centre for peace and justice studies in Nelson.
- * VOW member VIVA FLOOD went as delegate to the NGM in Montreal in October.

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- * A BC Interior Networking Meeting was held here on Oct. 4, to gather input from CPA member groups for the CPA 2nd Annual Conference in Winnipeg Oct. 30-31. Attending as CPA delegate for BC Interior was KITTY WILSON of Naramata, member of VOW and of Penticton Peace Group. The meeting was very poorly attended, the only communities represented being Kamloops, Penticton, Kelowna and Hedley - beside the young couple from Denman Is. who had come to show us the (excellent) Nanoose Conversion Campaign's Slide Show.

Kitty and Deeno both felt that an important spin-off of their presence at this meeting was their chance to "show and tell" Voice of Women! A private conversation during the pre-business socializing, concerning the locating of a local long-time VOW member, produced this lulu: "Oh, I see. Is she interested in peace, too?" We need to realize that we "Voices" can hardly repeat often enough our organization's purposes and its history and high reputation.

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Written "on the road" somewhere in Maine, U.S.A.

Dear Friends: I appreciate your keeping me on your mailing list. I love reading what is going on in B.C., and especially your spirit and energy and commitment to a safe and sane world.

I enclose a check to stay on your mailing list, and a bit extra to the "kitty". Hasta el mundo es mejor (Until the world is better). In peace and friendship,

Sarah Kahn, Santa Barbara, CA

(Remember the energetic peacewoman promoting the symbolic little blue ribbons? - Ed.)

Ukrainian Schoolchildren's Request

...As you know, I subscribe to several Soviet magazines, one of which is Misha, a children's magazine. In their latest issue there is a request from schoolchildren in Luov (Ukraine) for letters from other children. I have given the address to one of our local teachers, who was very interested; and I wondered if any VOW members would be interested in passing it on.

It must be remembered that it takes months and months for a reply: I would say close to a year. Keeping this in mind, here is the address:

Secondary School No. 42,
9, Ulitsa Kantaria,
LUOV 290038
U.S.S.R.

The magazine, incidentally, is excellent: very colorful, with puzzles, pictures, excellent stories and always a folk tale from a foreign country or Soviet Republic.

Renie McCallum, Courtenay.

Stamp Idea

About the new postage stamps - the blue ones with a white dove on them: the post office here seems reluctant to sell them - one has to ask for them specifically.

I have written to the Postmaster General (copy to Mulroney) congratulating him on the issue of the 34¢ stamp, and asking him to continue the series. I feel that everyone interested in peace should ask for, and use, these stamps. This would serve two purposes: (1) to let the government know that many people desire peace; and (2) to be a "message" of peace when the letters bearing them are in transit and when they are received. Hopeful for Peace -

Pat & Polly Romaine, Castlegar.

M.P.s' Wives

Rene McCallum of Courtenay was quoted in the Voice re the letters to MPs' wives, raising the question about their addresses. Because of the fact that our downtown library has good facilities for resolving such problems, I visited their History & Governments Dept. this afternoon and was able to get some specific information. Actually, in looking up addresses, I started out being quite selective, checking only the wives and residences of the most obvious MPs (obvious from the standpoint of having some relationship in Cabinet Post to the nuclear arms issue). However, I soon realized that a good case could be made for many of the MPs in some kind of involvement or relationship (e.g. Jake Epp and the questions raised so potently by PSR), so I ended up with more names than originally intended.

...In some instances complete information was not available, but

perhaps there's some point just in having the full name.

Carolyn Kline, Vancouver.

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The list of addresses is reproduced in full below. - Ed.

WIVES, and HOME ADDRESSES, of SOME OF THE CABINET MPs (August 1986)

Mila Mulroney (wife of Brian, PM): 24 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ont., K1M 1M4
Maureen McTeer (wife of Joe Clark, Sec. of State for External Affairs):
Ottawa, Ont. (Only address I found given anywhere - C.K.)
Jane Crosbie (wife of John Crosbie, Minister of Transport): 204 Glebe Av.,
Ottawa, K1S 2C7; also Hogan's Pond, St. Johns, Nfld.
Carmen LaSalle (wife of Roch LaSalle, Minister of State): 92 - 15e Rue,
Crabtree Mills, Quebec, JOK 1B0.
Lorraine Mazankowski (wife of Don Mazankowski, Deputy PM): P.O.Box 1350
Vegreville, Alta., T0B 4L0
Lydia Epp (wife of Jake Epp, Minister of Health): PO Box 2800, Steinbach,
Man., R0A 2A0
Ann Wise (wife of John Wise, Minister of Agriculture): #36 Country Road 45,
St. Thomas, Ont., N5R 5T6
Karen Hnatyshyn (wife of Ray Hnatyshyn, Minister of Justice): 724 Saskat-
chewan Crescent East, Saskatoon, Sask., S7N 0L2
Shirley Ann Crombie (wife of David Crombie, Secretary of State):
81 Glencairn Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4R 1M7
Julia Beatty (wife of Perrin Beatty, Minister of Defence): G.D., Fergus,
Ont., N1M 2W6
Margaret Wilson (wife of Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance): 408 Buena
Vista Road, Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont., K1M 0N8; also The Kings-
way, Toronto, Ont., M9A 3T9
Katherine McMillan (wife of Tom McMillan, Minister of Environment):
Keppoch Beach, P.O. Box 2590, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8C3
Mabel Hees (wife of George Hees, Minister of Veterans Affairs): R.R. 5,
Cobourg, Ont., K9A 4J8; also 7 Coltrin Pl., Ottawa, K1M 0A5
Joan Oberle (wife of Frank Oberle, Minister of Science and Technology):
PO Box 156, Chetwynd, B.C., V0C 1J0
Judith Dick (wife of Paul Dick, Associate Minister of Defence):
17 Kingsford Crescent, Kanata, Ont., K2K 1T5
Michele Charest (wife of Jean Charest, Minister of State for Youth):
Confederation Bldg., House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0A6

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"...Criticism means that you love a country enough to want to improve it. If you engage only in adulation, you just don't care whether you help make it better or not..."

"...The United States never wants to have a war. We just blunder into war - war after war.... If we don't have the foresight to try to avoid these background hatreds and tensions which give significance to the little incidents that draw nations into wars, then we don't deserve to survive."

- J. William Fulbright, Former Chairman
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

INSTRUCTION SHEET B.C. NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE CAMPAIGN

How to lobby local governments to support the petition to make B.C. a nuclear weapons free zone

The goal of this campaign is to convince the provincial government to declare the entire province a nuclear weapons free zone. The strategy is to create pressure on provincial politicians by getting as many individual municipal governments as possible to sign the enclosed nuclear weapons free zone petition. To do this, peace groups will have to lobby their civic governments to support the petition. Timing is crucial: councils will probably be much more inclined to listen to lobby groups just prior to or shortly after the civic elections in mid-November. The following instructions are to assist you in working out a successful lobbying strategy.

Step One: The Initial Meeting. As soon as possible, call a meeting of your local peace group and supporters. You will know best the supporting groups in your community, but they usually include church, school, labour unions or councils, professional, environmental and women's service groups. Try to get as broad a cross-section of people involved as possible.

To organize a good turn out, send a letter and telephone. Speaking to someone directly seems to get the best results. Although some groups will need to hold their own meeting before they can decide to endorse the campaign, they should be encouraged to send an observer to your meeting, so that they will be able to report accurately on what you are doing.

At the meeting, describe the purpose of the campaign and come up with a plan of action for exactly how best to approach your Council. *To be most effective, strike subcommittees with specific responsibilities.* Some suggested subcommittees are:

1. an *information committee* to compile convincing material to be submitted to council—and to the public—about why this issue is important
2. a *media committee* to arrange coverage prior to and at the Council meeting
3. a *community support committee* to get more sectors of the public to support the idea of making B.C. a nuclear weapons free zone
4. a *speakers committee* to work out which speakers should address the Council meeting, in what order, etc.

At this point, try to delegate the responsibilities as much as possible, so that one person isn't doing too much of the work. Make sure that the subcommittees have a clear idea of what they should accomplish between this first meeting and the next one.

Step Two: Getting on the Agenda. Find out when Council meets and how to get your request on the agenda. In some areas, you may only need to make a phone call to get on the agenda. Usually though, you will need to send in a letter. Find out to whom it should be addressed, as it varies with different councils. (For example, some will only deal with a request if it is addressed to "The Mayor and Council.")

Step Three: The Letter or Brief. Send a letter to the Mayor and to each member of Council explaining who your organization represents, what you wish Council to do, and why it is important for them to do it. You may wish to write a brief as well, which explains the importance of your initiative, and why peace is a civic matter, etc., in more detail. The booklet *Cities and Disarmament* answers many of the questions City Councillors might ask. Try to consider the reactions of individual Council members when deciding whether to send a lot of material or a simple letter. *When you send your letter, include the list of areas in B.C. that have declared*

themselves nuclear weapons free zones, as this will help to bring home to Council members how large a movement this has become in B.C.

Step Four: Lobbying Individual Councillors. Find out who the people are on Council, what their interests are in the community, and who in your peace support group knows them or knows someone who does. On the basis of this information, decide who to send to lobby each Council member. It's a good idea to meet first with Councillors who are sympathetic with peace issues. Leave each Councillor with written information which explains the concept and importance of the B.C. NWFZ campaign, and leave a petition with each of them.

Step Five: The Motion. Draft a proposed motion, or use the sample motion we've included in this package. If a particular Councillor is particularly sympathetic, you might ask them to draft the motion with you. Then get commitments, before the Council meeting, from two Councillors to move and second the motion. Try to get other Councillors to commit themselves to supporting the motion. That way you will know who will be on your side, and who will need more lobbying.

Step Six: The Media. Start contacting the media as soon as possible. Call the local media-radio, T.V. and newspapers. Get a spokesperson on an open-line show if you can, or arrange an appearance on local T.V. You might consider having your local station show one of the excellent documentary films done by the peace movement, and then afterwards discuss the nuclear weapons free zone for B.C. campaign. Many of these films are 20 or 25 minutes, so they fit perfectly into a half hour on cable T.V., leaving a few minutes for discussion. It may also be possible to show the film in one half hour, and then have a panel discussion in the second. Encourage the local media to cover the Council meeting when the request will be voted on. Send them press releases, and copies of the petition, as well as information about your organization and the number of nuclear weapons free zones in B.C.

Step Seven: Community Support. If you can demonstrate strong community support for the campaign, then Council members will be much more likely to vote to sign the petition. Get prominent individuals, organizations, and ordinary citizens to write letters to Council asking them to support making B.C. a nuclear weapons free zone.

Step Eight: The Council Meeting. Talk it up in your community, and try to get as many people as you can to the Council meeting on the night you speak to Council. Arrange to have a broad range of organizations and individuals appear before Council as delegations to speak in support of your motion. Each group could present a different reason for why B.C. should be a nuclear weapons free zone, and why civic governments should support the petition. Whoever coordinates the speakers should brief each of them to make sure that they put forward a clear argument, and to make sure that the different speakers build on each other's statements and don't just repeat what has been said before. Each presenter should speak for only 5 to 10 minutes.

Step Nine: Afterwards. All copies of the signed petition should be sent to:

Vancouver Special Council Committee on Peace
Vancouver City Hall
453 W. 12th Ave, Vancouver, V5Y 1V4

We will coordinate responses and introduce the petition to the House at the earliest possible date.

Good luck! If you have any questions, or if we can give you any further information or help, call the End the Arms Race office at 736-2365, and we will be pleased to help out.

Books

PROCEEDINGS of the PEOPLE'S ENQUIRY into CFMETR, JAN/86 - by Gabriola Is. Peace Assoc. (GIPA). Still available & well worth (from Cox).... \$10.00
The speeches, accompanied by portrait photos in most cases, presented by the participants at the precedent-setting Enquiry held regarding Nanoose last winter in Nanaimo. Represented are Bishop De Roo, Robert Aldridge, Barrie Zwicker and many others, including VOW members.

UNSAFE HARBOURS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CANADIAN PORTS - by Peter Brown and Bill Robinson; pub. by Operation Dismantle, Box 3887, Stn. C, Ottawa, Ont., K1Y 4M5, ph.(613)722-6001; 30 pp; from Op.D. or Mary Cox...\$2.00

END THE ARMS RACE: FUND HUMAN NEEDS: The Proceedings of the 1986 Vancouver Centennial Peace and Disarmament Symposium - edited by Dr. Thomas L. Perry and Dr. James G. Foulks. JUST OUT!! Per copy.....\$9.95

Contains the ideas, strategies & peace proposals of 25 leading authorities on nuclear disarmament, including Rear Adm. Eugene Carroll, Paul Warnke, Petra Kelly, John Kenneth Galbraith, and Dr. Helen Caldicott.

SEE ENCLOSED PROMOTIONAL FOLDER. We suggest you obtain more folders from End the Arms Race, 1708 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver, V6J 2M1, for distribution in your area. - Ed.

CITIZEN DIPLOMATS: HOW TO BE A TOURIST FOR PEACE - by Kathryn Ogg; 34pp copyright Aug/85 by the Religious Soc. of Friends of Victoria. \$2.00

Primarily, lighthearted instructions as to how to help the Soviets and ourselves understand and enjoy each other.

RADIATION ALERT - by David Poch of Energy Probe. (Sources of radiation in our everyday life and how to minimize the risks.) 185 pages of virtually indispensable fact and counsel (Don't be home without it).....\$12.95

THE COMING OF WORLD WAR THREE - VOL. I: From Protest to Resistance in the International War System - by Dimitri Roussopoulos; 300 pp: pub. by Black Rose Books.....\$14.95

THE NUGGET FILE - edited by Robert Pollard; 95pp; pub. by the Union of Concerned Scientists in Cambridge, Massachusetts.....\$4.95

Consists of excerpts from the US Government's special internal file on nuclear power accidents and safety defects. Obtained by the Union of Concerned Scientists under the Freedom of Information Act.

A BASIC PRIMER ON "STAR WARS" FOR THE LEGITIMATELY CONFUSED - a 13-page work-up of this subject by Ethel Taylor of Women Strike for Peace and published by that organization.....35¢

TALKING PEACE & DISARMAMENT: Exposing the Myths and Fears that Perpetuate the Arms Race. An excellent collection of sheets, 22 in all, providing useful views and information in answer to the questions too often asked in ignorance (or opposition?). Produced by End the Arms Race, and bound in notebook form.....\$2.00

REAGAN, GOD AND THE BOMB - by F.H. Knelman: 343 pp., pub. by McClelland & Stewart. Barry Commoner comments: "Fred Knelman's new book is a valuable analysis of the momentous issue that governs the fate of the earth: nuclear war. It gives us a timely insight into the twists and turns of Ronald Reagan's perfidious campaign to turn the search for peace into an instrument of war."\$22.95

1987 PEACE CALENDAR & APPOINTMENT BOOK - just publ. by Black Rose Books; sells in bookstores for \$9.95, but is offered as fundraiser to peace groups (VOW, ANY peace group - YOUR local group!) at a 50% discount, postage free, for any quantity. (cont. on next page, p.17. Address is there)

BOOKS, Continued from page 16

Mary Cox writes: "The quotes in this calendar (1987 Peace Calendar 17. and Appointment Book) are just unbelievably beautiful." Order from: Black Rose Books, 3981 St. Laurent Blvd., Montreal, H2W 1Y5. ↗

EXPORTING DANGER - by Ron Finch. Also just publ. by Black Rose Books, it investigates the Canadian nuclear energy export program, especially in the Third World, and asks why "the industry expanded beyond what was required for domestic energy needs."

Finch, who lives in Winnipeg, was awarded the W.L. Morton Gold Medal in 1984 for his M.A. thesis in history. He will be touring the major Canadian cities with his book, Nov. 17-28, and will be available for lecture sessions. ↗

Write Mary Cox (address on our masthead), or phone her at 390-3084

Folders

Excellent informational folders are put out by PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES, including NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONES and GOOSE BAY TEST RANGE. Write to P.P., Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 3G6. Phone: (519)888-6541.

Sheets

TRITIUM: Mary has an excellent collection of material on this subject.

LETTER TO AMERICA, in The Nation, May 10/86 - by E.P. Thompson. Thompson, a British historian and writer, an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and a founder of European Nuclear Disarmament, explains how it is because he values American traditions that he is now opposed to the American state. "I am not opposed to Americans," he writes. "I think it is tragic that the majority has lost its way in the know-nothing ideological dark."

MINORITY REPORT - by Christopher Hitchens (a regular column); reprint from The Nation, Sept. 20/86. A wickedly frank appraisal of the wits and veracity of the man through whom a terrifying majority of the world's decisions are made.

Tapes

MINNESOTA-MOSCOW CHILDREN'S SPACE BRIDGE - (VHS ½") available for rent. ↗
From: Mildred McLeod, R.R. 1, Site E, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5K1. Ph. 753-9202

INITIATORS OF PEACE - the audio cassette from the International Women's Peace Conference, Halifax, June 1985. On it, Ursula Franklin talks about the meaning of true security; Rosalie Bertell answers questions about Star Wars and the nuclear industry; the final Statement of the Conference is read to the plenary; and an 18-minute soundtext piece mixes many women's voices - fragments - phrases - highlights from the open sessions, with music by Frith.

Three hundred and fifty women came from all over the world to hear and speak to each other. Let them speak to you. .

→ The tape could be very useful, both to communicate general information about the nuclear industry and Star Wars, and to convey women's particular concern and contributions.

"Initiators of Peace" is available for \$6, plus \$2 shipping, from Pavanne, P.O. Box 7, Place du Parc, Montreal, H2W 2M9. Or, borrow it from Deeno Birmingham, Box 122, Hedley, B.C., VOX 1K0, phone 292-8589.

Battles all part of the same war

Power base not responding to needs — activist

By Nancy Brown
Times-Colonist staff

27 Oct.
1986

The battles against nuclear weapons, Third World hunger, logging on Meares Island and the fight for better education, better day-care facilities and improved care for the elderly are all parts of the same war.

It's a war against a power structure that does not respond to the needs and wishes of people, according to Ursula Franklin, a leading peace activist.

That was the point stressed Saturday by Franklin, a National Research Council of Canada member and a founding member of the Voice of Women.

Franklin, a professor in the University of Toronto metallurgical engineering department, has worked in the peace movement since the early 1960s when she co-ordinated the collection of children's teeth for strontium-90 measurements.

Here this weekend to address The Global Village Festival at University of Victoria, her theme was the need

for understanding between all activist groups.

"We have to have, primarily, an understanding of how the different issues that people are working on — UNICEF, logging on Meares, or nuclear-powered ships — are manifestations of a structure of power that is not responding to needs.

"These things are interconnected," said Franklin.

All the issues facing the world today, from apartheid to aid to Nicaragua, have the same root problem.

"The problem is who makes the decisions and how the resources of this world are being used, and this enormous diversion of resources to the means of destruction at a time when there is already more destructive material in the world than one needs to kill every man, woman and child umpteen times over."

Franklin said groups are being pitted one against another, and they need to understand that.

"People can't be told that you can't have rigid pollution control and jobs, or if we want jobs we must produce military equipment.

"People don't have to choose between two unacceptable alternatives."

She said she is not discouraged by the 25-year fight for peace.

"There have been gains," she said.

Back in the early 1960s it was impossible to get technical information on which to base arguments.

"They used to refuse to tell us anything about the effect of nuclear weapons or nuclear power, but now we can get our own completely equivalent expertise.

"Twenty-five years ago I probably wouldn't have been able to find out how much a fighter plane costs. Now I can go and argue what one can do with the \$65 million an F-18 costs."

But peace is not a single issue, as many thought 25 years ago.

"It is related to the need for a much more massive change than simply getting rid of nuclear weapons." That change is coming about gradually through the work of various groups working toward social changes.

"Both the political process and the social process are a lot more complex than we thought."

Scientist urges end to uranium mining

Vancouver SUN - November 4, '86

By PAMELA FAYERMAN

A huge lobbying effort will be needed to win an extension of the current seven-year moratorium on uranium mining in B.C., according to an internationally renowned cancer research specialist.

Dr. Rosalie Bertell told about 350 people Monday at a public meeting on nuclear issues held at the Robson Media Square that politicians will have to know people are concerned.

"Let your political representatives know that you are watching them, and don't just write them letters, invite them to dinner too," said Bertell, director of the International Institute of Concern for Public Health in Toronto and an authority on low-level radiation.

The moratorium on uranium mining and exploration imposed by the provincial government in 1980 expires next February. Bertell, who recently shared a \$100,000 international award with another scientist in recognition of her nuclear expertise, urged people to fight against the development of nuclear mines and plants.

"It's a death-producing industry, designed for mega-deaths," she said.

Despite the Canadian government's claims to the contrary, she said, uranium mined in Ontario and Saskatchewan is not only used for nuclear power reactors, it is exported to plants in Oklahoma to produce armour-piercing bullets.

"Canada is the world's leading producer and exporter of uranium and our uranium is not being used for cheap energy; it's just not that way in the real world," Bertell said.

- * Reports on N.G.M. (Montreal), by Sayle, Goodall and Thomson.
- * Report on 2nd Annual BC Peace Conference, by Claire Perry.
- * Letter of Resignation (from BC Exec.) from Freda Handford, after many years of valuable service, in order to complete her book "The Liberation of the Child". No words could be adequate to express our appreciation and gratitude to Freda for her dedication, energy and generosity over all these years. We all wish her well with all our hearts, and look forward to the publication of the book.
- * Mildred McLeod going to the People's Enquiry in Edmonton; will report at next meeting.
- * MSC that letters be written to Mulroney and Clark that our government at least abstain from voting on, and eventually support, a UN resolution calling for an international conference of all parties (including PLO and USSR) to reach some minimal agreements on the central issue in the Middle East: recognition of the right, for the Palestinian people, to independent representation and self-determination.

Note - November Minutes not available.

* NEXT BC EXEC. MEETING will be on Dec 3rd, in Nanaimo. ←

⊙ ⊙ RENEWAL TIME AGAIN! ⊙ ⊙

PLEASE, now, check the figure on your address label. "12/86" means renewal time is pretty near; and early renewals are MUCH appreciated.

"12/85" means VOW has been "carrying" you for almost a year. Sadly, but out of dire necessity, we must discontinue newsletters to all "eighty-fives" who fail to renew before Jan.31.

Always optimistic, old Auntie Nuke has set her hopes on a stocking full of combined '86 + '87 renewals this year! - Love and thanks, MS & DB

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NICARAGUA SLIDE SHOW

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JOHN MOELAERT "has show, will travel"! His slides are excellent, as is his talk; and he brings a wealth of interesting literature for those who can use it. He asks to pay his travelling expenses out of donations: this is easier if several stops can be organized on one trip. So please try to tie in with others, or contact John well in advance: his address is 5299 Chute Lake Road, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7R3. Phone 764-4949.

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PUBLIC PRESSURE NEEDED in two areas, as became clear at the Oct 2-4 meeting of the Ambassador for Disarmament's Consultative Group, according to the EAR representative there:-

→ (1.) Canada's position regarding the Soviet Moratorium on nuclear testing. There is internal government disagreement over whether Canada should support the Moratorium. The most effective letters to the government will probably be the ones that use the need to block development of "third generation" nuclear weapons as the reason why Canada should support a bilateral moratorium.

→ (2.) Canadian involvement in SDA 2000 (Strategic Defence Architecture), a joint planning exercise which is laying the groundwork for a Canadian role in "Star Wars". In response to questioning by the Toronto Disarmament Network representative, Deputy-Min. of Defence Bob Fowler said "Canada is not involved in the SDA 2000 programme at the present time." This would suggest that the matter is not closed: continued public pressure would be appropriate.

- based on a report in EARnews, Oct-Nov/86

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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